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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 0533

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, OPEC

SUBJ: OPEC SUMMIT ALGIERS

REF: ALGIERS 0411; STATE 043604

1. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE LOCAL  
SPECULATION THAT OPEC SUMMIT ALGIERS MAY NOT BE HELD  
BECAUSE CERTAIN CHIEFS OF STATE, NOTABLY FAYSAL, GOWON,  
AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO, ARE REPORTEDLY NOT COMING, WE  
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INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT PETROLEUM MINISTERS

ARE EXPECTED TO START DISCUSSIONS MARCH 1 AND THAT SUMMIT WILL IN FACT TAKE PLACE MARCH 4, 5 AND 6. FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PRESIDENTIAL PROTOCOL COMPLETELY ENGROSSED IN PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMIT. FROM WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY OPEC AMBASSADORS ARRANGEMENTS WILL PROBABLY LEAVE MUCH TO BE DESIRED AS FAR AS SOME CHIEFS OF STATE ARE CONCERNED.

2. ONE WELL-PLACED OPEC AMBASSADOR REPORTS ALGERIANS VERY UPSET BY FAYSAL'S REFUSAL TO COME. HE CONFIRMS THAT BOUTEFLIKA WAS SENT TO RIYADH TO TRY CHANGE FAYSAL'S MIND AND SAYS ALGERIANS GAVE FAYSAL ASSURANCES HE WOULD NOT BE PUT IN CORNER HERE, I.E., THAT ALGERIANS WOULD NOT TRY GET SUMMIT TO ADOPT SERIES "PROGRESSIVE" RESOLUTIONS ALONG LINES DAKAR COMMODITY CONFERENCE. ALGERIANS CONVINCED FAYSAL'S ATTITUDE IS RESULT AMERICAN PRESSURE, BUT SOURCE SPECULATES THAT FRICTION BETWEEN SAUDI MINPET YAMANI AND HIS IRANIAN COLLEAGUE AMOUZEGAR AT LAST OPEC MEETING ALGIERS WAS REFLECTION BASIC DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN FAYSAL AND SHAH AND FORMER MAY NOT WISH ATTEND MEETING WITH LATTER AT THIS TIME.

3. SOURCE ALSO SAYS YAMANI HAS MADE HIMSELF THOROUGHLY UNPOPULAR WITH OTHER OPEC MINISTERS BY STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AFTER OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING HERE TO EFFECT SAUDIS INTERESTED IN LOWERING OIL PRICES. YAMANI HAD MADE NO SUCH REMARKS DURING OPEC MEETING AND HAD GONE ALONG WITH CONSENSUS OTHER MINISTERS ON HOLDING LINE. TO DISAGREE WITH THEM PUBLICLY WHEN HE HAD NOT DONE SO PRIVATELY WAS CONSIDERED BAD FORM.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN BOUMEDIENE'S APPARENT BELIEF, EXPRESSED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER IN VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS, THAT FAYSAL IS OUR CLIENT, IT IS PROBABLY INEVITABLE THAT ALGERIANS ATTRIBUTE HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO COME HERE TO PRESSURE FROM US. THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO TO CHANGE THIS BELIEF, BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF SAUDIS THEMSELVES COULD DO SOMETHING TO DISABUSE ALGERIANS.

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